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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-11, 13 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-11, 13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Preliminary Amendment

1. The present Office Action is based upon the original patent application filed on 12/8/2003 as modified by the preliminary amendment filed on 2/27/2006. **Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13, and 14** are now pending in the present application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement submitted on 7/14/2005 has been considered by the Examiner and made of record in the application file

Claim Objections

3. On **line 12 of claim 1**, delete “the” after “to.”

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Rosen et al (United States Patent Application Publication #2002/0173326 A1).

Consider **claim 1**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose a method for initializing a push-to-talk call over a wireless communication network, comprising:

receiving via a wireless communication network (fig 1, paragraph 24; Group communication system 100, which is known as a push-to-talk system), a push-to-talk initialization request from a calling handset, the request identifying a recipient handset (paragraph 32; Requesting the transmission privilege from a communication manager comprises a push-to-talk key or switch. When a user desires to transmit information to other net members, the user may depress the push-to-talk switch located on his or her communication device. After the requesting user has been granted the transmission privilege, information may then be transmitted from that user to the other net member);

translating the push-to-talk request into an announce message (paragraph 33; Voice and/or data may be converted into data packets, using a communication device, which are suitable for a particular distributed network through which communications to other users may take place);

addressing the announce message to the recipient handset (paragraph 32; After the requesting user has been granted the transmission privilege, information may then be transmitted from that user to the other net member);

broadcasting the announce message over the wireless communication network, wherein the announce message is transmitted over a plurality of base stations (fig. 1; paragraph 33; Each wireless net member establishes a forward link and a reverse link with one or more base stations or a satellite gateway);

receiving an acknowledgement message in response to the announce message (paragraph 37; When the communication manager receives a transmission privilege request, the control manager may transmit a message to the requesting net member, notifying it that the transmission privilege has been granted); and

opening an audio channel in response to receiving the acknowledge message (paragraphs 33, 37, and 50; Voice and/or data may be converted into data packets, using a communication device, which are suitable for a particular distributed network through which communications to other users may take place. If the user's packet data call is in the dormant state, the user may be able to receive incoming voice calls).

Consider **claim 2**, and **as applied to claim 1 above**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose the wireless communication network (read as group communication system) (figure 1, paragraph 24) is a code division multiple access network (paragraphs 26, 40, 65, 84, 89, and 101).

Consider **claim 3**, and **as applied to claim 2 above**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose the broadcasting step further comprises the announce message in a dedicated physical channel (control channel) (paragraph 65).

Consider **claim 4**, and **as applied to claim 3 above**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose the control channel is a forward dedicated common control channel (F-DCCH) (paragraph 65).

Consider **claim 6**, and **as applied to claim 1 above**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose the acknowledgement message is received in a dedicated physical channel (control channel) (paragraph 65).

Consider **claim 7**, and **as applied to claim 6 above**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose the control channel is a reverse enhanced access channel (R-EACH) (paragraph 65).

Consider **claim 8**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose a system for initializing a push-to-talk call over a wireless communication network, comprising:

a target handset configured for over the air communication in a wireless communication network (fig. 1; paragraph 27; Communication occurs using communications devices 102, 104, 106, and 108. Communications devices may be wireless communication devices such as satellite telephones equipped with push-to-talk functionality);

a plurality of base stations configured to communicate over the air with the target handset, wherein a push-to-talk announce message is broadcast to the target handset over the plurality of base stations (paragraph 36; When a member wishes to transmit information to other members, the first member may request the transmission privilege by pressing a push-to-talk key on his or her communication device, wherein the request may be transmitted over the air to one or more base stations);

wherein a first base station receives an acknowledgement message from the target handset in response to the announce message (paragraph 37; When the communication manager receives a transmission privilege request, the control manager may transmit a message to the requesting net member, notifying it that the transmission privilege has been granted); and

wherein the first base station is configured to open an audio channel in response to the acknowledgement message (paragraphs 33, 37, and 50; Voice and/or data may be converted into data packets, using a communication device, which are suitable for a particular distributed

network through which communications to other users may take place. If the user's packet data call is in the dormant state, the user may be able to receive incoming voice calls).

Consider **claim 9**, and **as applied to claim 8 above**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose wireless communication network (read as group communication system) (figure 1, paragraph 24) is a code division multiple access network (paragraphs 26, 40, 65, 84, 89, and 101).

Consider **claim 10**, and **as applied to claim 9 above**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose a plurality of channels in the wireless communication network (paragraph 65; Messages may be sent over both dedicated physical channels, such as the forward fundamental channel (FCH) or forward dedicated common control channel (F-DCCH), or common physical channels, such as the reverse access channel (R-ACH), reverse enhanced access channel (R-EACH), forward common control channel (F-CCCH), or paging channel (PCH)), wherein the push-to-talk announce message is broadcast to the target handset in a forward dedicated common control channel (F-DCCH) (paragraph 65).

Consider **claim 11**, and **as applied to 8 above**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose a push-to-talk server, wherein the push-to-talk server initiates the push-to-talk announce message (fig. 1; paragraphs 27 and 32; The communication devices have the ability to request transmission privilege from a communication manager. The communication manager is any type of computer type device having at least one processor and memory. When a user desires to transmit information to other members, the may depress the push-to-talk switch located on his or her communication device, sending a request to obtain the transmission privilege from the control manager).

Consider **claim 13**, and **as applied to claim 8 above**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose the acknowledgement message is received by the first base station in a dedicated physical channel (control channel) (paragraph 65).

Consider **claim 14**, and **as applied to claim 13 above**, Rosen et al clearly show and disclose the control channel is a reverse enhanced access channel (R-EACH) (paragraph 65).

Conclusion

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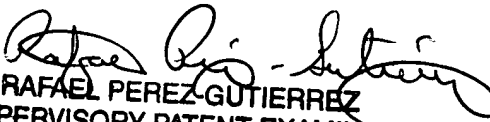
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